

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been canceled. Claims 15-17, 19, 21, and 22, and amended claims 14, 18, and 20 are in this application.

Claims 14-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mullor and Asai.

Independent claim 14, as presented herein, recites in part as follows:

"wherein said software program stored on the portable storage medium is operable to enable or prevent access to said software program in accordance with the information included in said user's access authorization data stored on the portable storage medium"

It is respectfully submitted that the applied combination of Mullor and Asai does not disclose the above identified features of claim 14.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection of claim 14 be withdrawn. For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 14, it is also respectfully requested that the above rejection of independent claims 18 and 20 be withdrawn.

Claims 15-17, 19, and 21-22 are dependent from one of independent claims 14, 18, and 20. Accordingly, it is also respectfully requested that the above rejection of claims 15-17, 19, and 21-22 be withdrawn.

Further, with regard to claims 15-17, 19 and 21-22, the Examiner stated that the features of these claims "are well known in the art." However, the Examiner did not provide a reference or references which disclose such features. It is

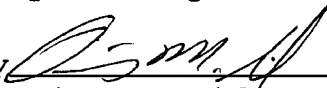
respectfully requested that the Examiner provide a reference or references which discloses such features.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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